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NEWSLETTER OF THE SAN ANTONIO COMITTEE TO FRE. ANGELA DAVIS

On December 27, a group of concerned San Antonians constituted itself the San Antonio Committee to Free Angela Davis. We elected a chairman, a secretary, and a treasurer, and we have thied to define the job before us.

This job is to make the need to free Angela Davis a live proposition in San Antonio.

We are doing this because we feel that as a woman, a black, and a Communist, Angela Davis has not received fair treatment at the hands of the law.

Angela Davis first came to public notice in 1969, when she was dismissed from a professorship of philosophy at UCLA, because she was a black woman Communist. The California Supreme Court soon ordered her reinstatement, but the California Board of Regents again dismissed her because it disliked her off campus speeches. By this time the justice of her cause had became apparent and the UCLA Faculty Senate voted enough money to pay her salary for a year while she gave her courses at the University. But Angela Davis had become known as a militant activist, and we feel that it is her politics rather than the tenuous facts cited by the Grand Jury that were the basis of her indictment. None of the allegations of the Grand Jury were in themselves violations of the law. Rather, the actions against Angela Davis seem to have been designed to stampede her into fleeing for her life, thereby permitting the FBI to be used against her.

There is a presumption of innocence supposedly inherent in our society, which far from being extended to Angela Davis has been violated by some authorities from President Nixon on down. This young lady is being railroaded, made a scapegoat, because she is black, female, and a Communist, in order to intimidate people in our country who are fighting for the rights of black people, for peace, for the labor movement. The need be neither black, female nor communist to insist on justice and hance freedom for Angela Davis. This has been attested to by groups and people as diverse as the YWCA, Aretha Franklin, the NAACP, James Baldwin, Julian Bond, and Lena Morne. USA.

To further this end we in San Antonio are:

1. circulating petitions in our streets asking for freedom for Angela Davis, and in so doing joining with a million Americans of all political faiths to protest a political repression.

2. manning desks at shopping centers, movies, churches, etc, to increase petition signatures. We have done this successfully at the movie "Salt of the Earth" at the Unitarian Church at the 410 Loop.

3. inviting a member of Angela Davis' family to speak here in San Antonio in early March.

4. demanding of Governor Reagan that he release Angela Davis on bond pending her actual trial.

5. holding weekly meetings at the American Friends Service Committee to discuss developments in the case and to publicize Angela Davis' plight.

publishing a newsletter covering latest developments in the case and in our activities.

We ask that you join with us, that you give your presence and dollars, your ideas and enthusiasm to sponsor freedom for Angela Davis.

1.77 Please come to the American Friends Service Committee, at 109 West Durango Street this Monday at 8 P.M. - 6 -

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SACTFAD, now gix weeks old, is advicating and expanding in San Antonio, helping to put before the residente of the actropolitan area details of the fight to free Angela Davis and knowledge of how to join that fight.

Local supportors will join with a group from Austin to travel to California for four or five days at \$15.00 per person in March, there to show support at the Marin County Joil for Augela Divis. Anyone interested may drop in at one of our Monday night meetings. We are working for a visit on March 7, from a member of Augela Tavis' family, who will speak to a meeting in our community for which we would like to mobilize one to two thousand persons. This meeting will coincide in time with International Women's Day, a particularly appropriate time because it highlights Angela Davis' sisterhood with all women, and the extra burdens women have had to bear in social struggle as well as in many of the activities of daily life. That The

We continue to pass out literature in downtown areas, most recently a political biography of Angela Davis. One of the most active current national efforts in this case involves obtaining bail for Angela Davis. The main roadblock here is likely to be Gov. Romaid Rengan, not nationally, noted for his sympathy for progressive causes, but we want to make it clear to the Governor that the money for bail is available should it be required. Aretharranklin, somewhat better off than most of us, has already offered to put up \$250 thousand, to which our group of local citizens has firmly pledged a sizable sum.

The effort to free Angela Tavis is broadly based, crossing religious, racial, economic and sex barriers. On the international scale, supporters of froctom for Angela Davis include Helens Heigel and Herta Kausinen; and appeals have come from Western Europe as well as the socialist countries. Nationally, supporters have been as diverse as James Baldwin, the NAACP, actors from the film "Z" including Simone Signoret, Yved Michael, Mikis Theolorakis, and the director Costa Vayras, and the National Council of Negro Women.

In this context it is copacially important that there is broad based local support in San Antonio for this freedom campaign. We have chained approximately five hundred signatures so far in a companion which doesn't have the funds to hit; the mass media - radio, TV, the newspapers, and which is succeeding mainly by hard legwork, by collecting signatures in the downtown area over the weekends, when the working people and students running this campaign can afford to canvas. These five hundred algostures include the names of Completioner Albert Pena, Ed Holmes, Rosie Castro, GJ Sutton, Rev. C.W. Black, and Franklin Carcia. There is one more thing that is important for us as residents of South Central Texas to know. This is that Angela Davis' importance is twofold. She is important in and of herself because as a Black Woman professor she was not afraid to make known that she was a Communist, and to act militantly for other oppressed people, less fortunate than she-for which outspokenness she is now being railroaded, rather than being left alone to enjoy the academic life. But she is also important because of her outstanding personal qualities make her larger than life, at the same time as they bind her to the problems we all face. These singular qualities of Angela Davis have made her a symbol of the oppression which is faced by many other people in this country, reculting from our economic and political system. In the Rio Grande Valley, Chicano migrant farm workers face the same poverty that their brothers in California faced, prevented from bettering their lot by the conditions of their employment and by an "importial" legal system which works against organizing a union. At Pharr Texas, Texas Rangers have callously shot at and terrorized Chicanos, and have incurred no penaltics for doing so. Here in San Antonio a Black tecnager is convicted of felonious assault on a policeman despite the fact that his arms were handcuffed behind his back at the time he was supposed to have committed the assault. On the national level, Fr. Daniel Berrigan is accused of having compaired against Henry Kinsinger, from his Jail cell, so powerful is his influence supposed to be, although the documentary evidence of the conspiracy was the work of a paid FDI informant.

The point is that in fighting for Angela Davis one is fighting for justice and fair treatment for all these political prisoners in Texns and the rest of the US who are subjected to the "impartial operation" of our legal system. Success in freeing Angela Davis will help the cause of all political princesses. To fices the fight on her is important, because this focuses our renources, and demands and thereby increases on clauses of success. We release your presence any Monday night (BLM) at the American Priends Service Committee, 109

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WILLIAM MARSHALL, prominent Negro TV Actor, was one of the speakers at a demonstration sponsored by the BPP at the New Federal Building, 300 North Los Angeles Street, on May 1, 1969. The rally was on behalf of HUEY P. NEWTON, BPP Official, currently in Jail ()

BLACK PANTHER PARTY (4)

A leaflet issued by the International Committee to Defend Eldridge Cleaver listed a number of black actors and writers as sponsors of this organization as of August 1969. They included OSSIE DAVIS, RUBY DEE, GODFREY CAMBRIDGE - Actor, JAMES BALDWIN - Writer, LE ROILJONES - Writer, and JULIAN MAYFIELD - Actor, Writer. ELDRIDGE CLEAVER, Minister of Information for the BPP, is a fugitive currently reported in exile. He fled the United States to avoid prosecution on an attempted murder charge. This organization's headquarters is at the San Francisco address of "Ramparts Magazine," a publication which has supported "left wing political causes in the United States."

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The article concerned the National Education TV Station, Channel 28, Los Angeles program, "Black Journal", scheduled for September 29, 1969, at 9:00 P.M. To be featured were taped interviews of ELDRIDGE CLEAVER and STOKELY CARMICHAEL. The latter recently had resigned a position of Prime Minister of the BPP. These two had been guests of the Algerian Government and ()

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STUDENT ANARCHIST-ANTI-VIETNAM WAR AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

Los Angeles Times PSN (5/1/69) (5/1/69)

Chancellor GIENN 8. DUMCE of the California State Colleges spoke before the Fifth Annual Writers Conference at USC the previous Wednesday, April 30, 1969. In part, DUMKE claimed that the news media was permitting itself to be used by campus anarchist because they make good copy. He called upon the media, particulary television, to feel a greater sense of responsibility to place the news in context; to recognize tactics when they see them and to help identify those tactics. The dissident groups know and count on the obligation of the press to print news even the unhealthy news-they generate and stage carefully to promote their own disruptive causes.

"Granted the media must cover the action in the news regardless of its origin, still, I believe that the media or segments and particularly television, because of its impact, should develop a greater sense of responsibility to place the news in context."

Dr. DUMKE noted specific instances when "rally organizers and speakers would deliberately delay the start until sufficent newsmen were present and when necessary until cameras and radio mikes were set up." Further, "in too many cases, only the arrests, and not the act by the student protesters which precipitated the arrests, was recorded in living sound for the evening news program."

TEMPO Television Program KHJ, Channel 9

The publication "TEMPO", issued to publicize the above program, dated December 1968, featured coverage of the "Student Revolution" and featured front page photographs (A)

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of ELDRIDGE CLEAVER (BPP Officer). The coverage by Tempo of the disturbance on campus precipitated by the Black Students Union was detailed. Continued in depth coverage of the latest news at Berkeley, San Francisco State College and SFVSC in Los Angeles was and would be featured. (W)

Tempo also announced that JOHNNY WILLIAMS had joined the KHJ staff news department. He formerly covered special assignments for Tempo where he served as a liaison between Channel 9 and the black community. As a specialist in black affairs, WILLIAMS has appeared on the LES CRANE television show discussing Presidential reports on civil disorders. He has recently completed a scrip for a documentary film based on the story of the "Blacks in America from 1619 to 1968" which is currently under consideration for adaption by Wolper, Inc. Novelist JAMES BALDWIN will do the screenplay (M)

WILLIAMS, resident of Los Angeles for the past twenty-five years, has an extensive news background in Los Angeles television including special assignments for NBC-TV and KTTV-Channel 11. He has had a long and varied career holding posts as a disc jockey, public relations man, account executive, staff announcer, for stations KBAC and KNOB. He has taped news reports for KLAC radio on a free lance basis (ALL)

LA T-21 characterized JAMES BALDWIN as a prominent Negro writer who had supported militant black activities.

Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) (see appendix)

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JERRY PALMER was interviewed on the Tempo program, KHJ-TV, Channel 9, August 6, 1968, afternoon show, BOB

DORNAN, host. A taped replay of the interview was aired on the 9:45 p.m. news on the same date. PALMER, who was introduced as being a member of the SDS at UCLA (University of California at Los Angeles) in substance made the following statements:

PALMER in his conversations stated that (at one time) he was drinking a vodka toast to CHE GUEVERRA (the Latin revolutionist recently killed in South America).

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ReMolet dated 10/10/63:

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Photograph #1 - Entrance of Dallas County Courthouse before voter registration line formed.

Photographs 2-30 - Sections of voter registration line.

Photographs 31-32 - JAMES FOREMAN, SNCC leader, JAMES BALDWIN, author.

Photographs 33-51 - Sections of voter registration line.

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Photographs 52 56 - JAMES FOREMAN, SNCC leader and JAMES BALDWIN, author, attempting to enter Dallas County Courthouse.

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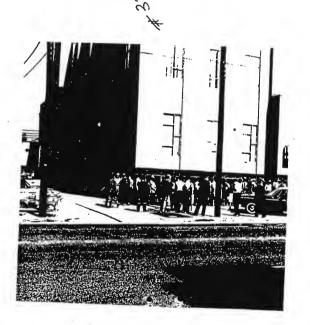
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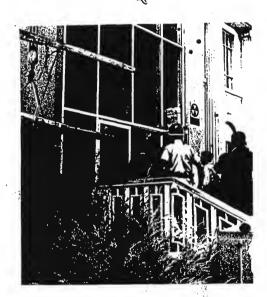




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